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## CONCEALING OPIUM IS CHARGED AGAINST TWO

Frank Lopez, a Spaniard who has been a fireman on the steamer Wilhelmina for six years, was arrested by the U. S. Marshall's office this morning on a warrant sworn to by U. S. District Attorney Jeff McCarn accusing him with concealing opium.

It is stated the charge is the outgrowth of the arrest of Gabriel Collado, another Spaniard, last Wednesday afternoon, who then declared Lopez had given him \$3675 to purchase opium; that he had obtained the drug and in turn had placed it in the hands of a Chinaman for sale. He said that when he went back later to collect, the Chinaman refused to pay him, declaring he had received no opium.

Lopez denies the accusation, averring he gave Collado \$675 to purchase a restaurant. He asserts several other firemen on the Wilhelmina witnessed the transaction. Both men will be held until the return of these alleged witnesses, who are due on the Wilhelmina March 17.

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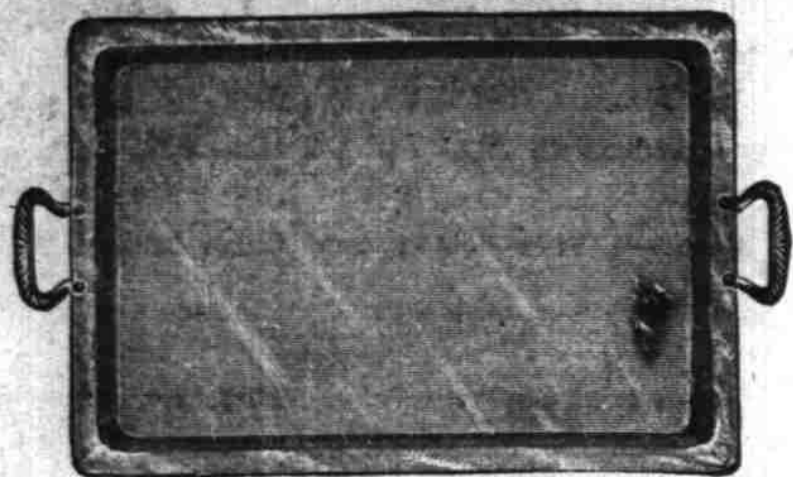
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## NECESSITY OF ECONOMY IS APPARENT

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"skinning" will begin in 1916 or 1917. Richard Ivers took a little different view from that of Mr. Tenney. "We are in a position of the man who has the bull by the tail," he said. "We would like to let go but can't."

"The 'skinning' of a plantation means practically total loss," he continued. "Even the suspending of operations is most disastrous, because of the loss through depreciation. A few years out of cultivation, and fields are hopelessly grown up with weeds, quarters go to pieces—in fact everything goes to ruin."

And Mr. Ivers further declared that he does not expect any escape from free sugar, or the return to power of the Republican party in the next national elections. His visit to the coast, he said, had shown him that the Republican party factions are as far apart as ever, and until they get together he doesn't think it possible that the Democrats will lose control. He has some hope, however, he intimated, that the strength of the beet sugar interests will be sufficient to obtain some measure of protection to the sugar industry.

Replying to a question, Mr. Ivers said that he looked for low prices for the next few years regardless of the effect of the tariff, owing to the big areas planted to sugar in Cuba. A larger consumption of the commodity may result from the cheaper prices.

Mr. Ivers expressed the opinion that the sugar men do not wish to appeal to the courts in regard to their taxes this year. The chief reason for this, he held, is that such a fight would compel attention to the extreme seriousness of the situation, and the publicity would embarrass them in borrowing on the coast in case of necessity. "Nobody on the coast mainland," he said, "takes seriously the idea that we are in danger of being put out of business. They are all sure that we can keep right on making sugar regardless of prices."

Mr. Ivers approved the suggestion of the board with reference to having the time for fixing the tax returns changed to come after the tax returns are in. He said he believed it would bring home to taxpayers not in the sugar business a fuller realization of their duties towards good government, and a more businesslike administration would result.

No action was taken on the matter of changing the valuations of either the Castle & Cooke or the Brewer & Company properties, but for the Schaefer & Company plantations, a slight reduction on the figures set by the board was agreed to. For Brewer & Company properties, Mr. Ivers expressed a willingness to have the assessment raised for a number of the plantations, on condition that certain others are allowed to stand according to the returns.

## ATTORNEY THOMPSON MAY ENTER OFFICE OF U. S. ATTORNEY

U. S. District Attorney Jeff McCarn announced today that he expects to make arrangements in the near future whereby Attorney J. W. Thompson, the new arrival from Nashville, Tenn., will be taken in as his assistant in the federal office. The latter has formally declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the territory and McCarn learned this morning that it will be possible to take Thompson into the federal office without materially interfering with the latter's private business in Attorney A. S. Humphrey's office.

Thompson came here under contract to enter Humphrey's office, and therefore was under no obligation to the district attorney or the government. But it is stated he will keep his original promise to become the district attorney's assistant, just as soon as he is able to qualify as a resident of the islands.

## STAR-BULLETIN GIVES YOU TODAY'S NEWS TODAY

## ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE AGAINST HOTEL LICENSE

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dropped from the list and have signed the Anti-Saloon League petition. As to the change in the hotel's plans, I received the information this morning from trustees of the Oahu College.

When asked today regarding the rumored changes in the hotel's plans, E. G. Duisenberg, manager of the Pleasanton Hotel, said:

"I do not wish to make any statement at this time in reference to the matter. The Pleasanton Hotel has not yet applied for a license. If it applies for any license at all, it will be a second-class one."

The 1913 reports of the agent and treasurer of the league were presented and accepted, the latter showing the organization to be in excellent financial condition. The report of the agent is as follows:

Club Licenses. "There have been two club licenses issued during the year: one to the Spanish War Veterans, corner of Mercant and Alakea streets, and one to the Loyal Order of Moose, corner of Fort and Beretania streets. Applications were made for two others: one by the colored regiment, which was to be located on King near the Kaluhani Home. This the treasurer did not consider a bona fide club and refused to grant the license. They moved to Beretania street near the Queen's hospital and they again refused a license. A club license was asked for the artillery company at Fort Ruger, to be located 1000 feet from the fort. This was also denied by the treasurer on the grounds that it was not a bona fide club. The club license is a serious problem for our future consideration."

"Since June 30th, there has been but one retail license granted, and there has been but one wholesale license granted since then. The one granted was for the sale of beer only and granted to Clifford Kimball at Wahiawa, near the military reservation. The railroad officials caused the lessee to put a tunnel under the railroad track between the post and the saloon also to put a fence from the saloon to the tunnel which reminds one of a rabbit drive. There are at the present time two applications for licenses pending, one for the Pleasanton hotel and the other for Watertown. The one at Watertown is an application similar to that of Clifford Kimball's; the argument is used that if Kimball has a right to establish a saloon to cater to the enlisted men of the army, the same privilege should be granted the applicant to establish himself near another reservation. It can easily be seen that this line of argument will undo all that the canteen has done for the soldiers and establish saloons just outside of all the reservations."

The application for a hotel license for the Pleasanton, situated as it is in the residence section and in close proximity to the Oahu college, has aroused some opposition, and we hope this license may not be granted. The league is always at a disadvantage in the matter of getting signatures because the applicant does not usually notify the league and it is impossible to find out at once when they begin to canvass the district; and then it is difficult because this league is not equipped as it ought to be with members who would be glad to take up the work; and it is hard to employ suitable men to do work of this kind. At present there are 30 saloon licenses, 20 wholesale, five hotel and three restaurant licenses on this island.

License Commission. "The Honolulu Liquor License Commission has been handicapped for a long time by being one member short. Mr. Wadman and the agent called on the governor some time ago and recommended for his consideration the names of W. L. Hopper and Robert Anderson as candidates for the commission. We as a league appreciate the efficient and impartial manner in which the commission has attended to its arduous and thankless task of trying to be just to all sides of the question. The present commission has our confidence and gratitude for courtesies shown during the past year, as shown by its willingness to hear our side of the case fully. There has been an average of two regular meetings a month, besides several executive sessions. It calls for some patriotism to serve as a commissioner without pay."

Lincoln-Lee Legion. "In November the league took up the Lincoln-Lee pledge campaign and wrote about 60 letters to different islands and sent our 3000 pledges and altogether 120 pounds of mail matter from the office. We have 1200 signed pledges and there is a constant demand for more. Mr. Wadman's campaign is stirring up interest in this line and wherever he goes it creates a demand for pledge cards. We have just received a thousand more and more than one-fourth of them have already been sent out. The Korean Epworth League has just asked for 100, the Hilo boarding school is doing good work in this line. The Lincoln-Lee legion and the Good Templars made a slight beginning in the line of pub-

## URGES PEOPLE TO SETTLE UPON A FEDERAL SITE

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stated in some of the reports from Washington. I consider that the 'hold-up' wording was merely the correspondent's way of putting it."

"In my opinion, Mr. McCarn is going at the proposition on the theory of saving the government money. And no one can find a word of fault with that. And there is always room for argument as to which course will eventually be the greater saving."

"Mr. McCarn, as has already been published, has interviewed the attorneys of those interested in the judgments given by the court and he finds no disposition to accept a shading of the judgments in order that the whole may come within the appropriation of \$450,000 available for the building site."

"As indicated by Mr. McCarn and the letter of Secretary Desha received by the Merchants' Association the other day, there is \$450,000 to satisfy awards and interest payments totaling approximately \$515,000. I do not know whether those interested in the awards have been asked to waive interest."

"At all events there is not enough money to pay the judgments, and the interest."

"There is a generally listless attitude toward the whole matter locally, as many have come to the conclusion that the whole situation is hopeless, first on account of the government's delay, and second on account of the probable differences of opinion if any change should be made in the location of the building."

"In the meantime, Mr. McCarn has apparently done the most natural thing on earth, namely, cast about to learn if there are other sites which could be obtained for the amount of money available in the site appropriation."

"I have not seen Mr. McCarn for several days, but I have learned from other sources that other sites have been presented to him as available."

"Among these are the Spreckels site, the block bounded by Merchant, Bishop, Queen and Alakea streets; the Allen site, the block bounded by Alakea, King, Richards and a prospective street running through to Alakea from the Richards street entrance to the Capitol; and the Irwin or Opera house site. Any one of these would undoubtedly be available for a figure probably less than the \$450,000 appropriation. In addition to these is a proposal to acquire a portion of the block opposite the Mahuka site on Bishop street and have the federal building divided but connected by an artistic bridge on the various stories, similar to the scheme followed in some of the great buildings of the mainland and in Europe."

"Then there is the view that the government should put up its building on the original Mahuka site, the claim being that the extension and consequent delay is the result of a mere architect's whim, fostered by arguments presented assiduously during a trip to the Coast."

"Again, it is set forth that the government should pay the judgments as far as the appropriation will go; take over the property and go ahead on the theory that the remainder of the property can be easily taken care of."

"I presume that everyone understands by this time that the judgment on the Cummins property lapses the latter part of this month or the first of April."

"This is a brief summary of the situation as presented today."

"Sooner or later there will be public meetings called and arguments presented, and possibly a fight. I hope there will be no fight."

"Of one thing I am certain, the people of this city should be making up their minds on this subject, so that when a public meeting is called, the result will not be weakened by hasty consideration and snap judgment. That's been the source of half our troubles in public affairs. The many slow a few to do their thinking for them. Then, when it comes to action, their conclusions are based on incomplete information."

"The directors of the Merchants' As-

lie demonstration in the Floral Parade; enough to let the people know we are on the map. The Good Templars which was organized by our league has grown and is filling a special niche in the economic work for temperance."

"We have furnished the daily press with an average of three articles a week and have had a temperance article in the Kuokoa every week besides once a month an article for the Friend and also for the O Luso, a Portuguese paper. We subscribe regularly for two copies of the American Issue, one copy of the Patriot, 1 copy of the Union Signal and have received pamphlets and other such material."

"We have been fortunate in securing the services of Rev. J. W. Wadman on the first of the year and the results of his labors are already apparent in an awakening of interest in the temperance work on the other islands and in Honolulu."

The Gronna Bill.

"The Gronna bill is now before Congress in Washington. We have written every senator and representative, besides a large petition of about 30 names representing the most influential business men of our city was forwarded to the committee. I have received 91 replies some non-committal; some favorable and about 30 per cent promised definite support. The committee gave our representatives a hearing on the 16th of last month and according to the newspapers referred the matter to our governor for recommendations."

## IRWIN OF HILO IS WELL BACKED FOR APPOINTMENT

## Democrats See Good Chance for Him as Attorney-general

Rumor persistently centered yesterday and today around the name of Harry Irwin of Hilo as prospective attorney-general. With the appointment of Attorney-general Thayer to succeed E. A. Mott-Smith as secretary of the territory, evidence has been given on the part of the national administration of intention to settle Hawaiian matters expeditiously, and it is considered certain that within the next two weeks a good many political plums will be falling from the Democratic tree.

Governor Pinkham has given no definite indication of his intentions regarding the attorney-generalship and all the information is coming from other sources. Some of those close to the situation believe that he will favor Irwin for the position.

Deputy Attorney-general Arthur G. Smith is a receptive candidate for the position, but though he has had considerable experience in the office and is in touch with its affairs on hand, the fact that he isn't a Democrat militates against his chances of being named.

On behalf of Harry Irwin it is pointed out that he is at least as capable as any other man so far mentioned for the position, and that if he were named the territorial administration would have shown its readiness to recognize the Democracy of other islands besides Oahu. Irwin has much backing for the position and many friends who think he will make a keen and capable attorney-general. The political phase of the matter is one of the strongest influences at work.

Secretary Mott-Smith was as happy this morning as a boy let out of school for a summer vacation. He has been trying to get out of the secretary's office for three years and has finally succeeded. He says that he will adhere rigidly to his determination to quit office on March 15, regardless of whether Mr. Thayer is ready to step into the vacancy at that time.

"I hope he is, but if he isn't, I'm certainly going to step out," declared Mr. Mott-Smith today. "The work of the public utilities commission demands my whole time and the secretary's office will keep going even if there is a temporary vacancy."

One report today around the capitol building connected the name of Judge A. A. Wilder with the attorney-generalship, but this report was not given much credence.

Association have been discussing the federal building site for some time. A good share of them believe we should go ahead and carry the original Mahuka site building through. Apparently this does not meet with favor in official circles.

"What we can do, as adapted to what we would like to do, is the form in which the federal building site question is now before the people of this city."

"We need the building. I guess everyone will say 'Aye' to that."



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